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NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATION.

The debate in the House of Representatives last Saturday on the bill for the reorganization of the Navy Department is of peculiar interest and significance, because of the politics with which it was more or less flavored.

In the course of the discussion there cropped out a spirit of antagonism to the bill under consideration on the ground that its passage might redound to the credit of a Democratic Administration. The idea with certain members of the minority seemed to be that as the Democrats in years past had not voted with the Republicans on measures pertaining to the reorganization of the naval service, their was a particular reason why Republicans should now vote with the Democrats in support of similar legislation.

This narrow view of the question was strongly condemned, however, by Mr. Buck of Connecticut and Mr. Thomas of Ulster, both of whom advocated the bill with force and ability, thus showing a highly commendable readiness to direct themselves of all partiality preclusive matter affecting the general welfare of the country.

"There is no partiality in this measure," said Mr. Thomas, "all this talk about its being a political scheme which is entirely satisfactory to both powers, has been ingurgitated and will shortly be submitted to the Senate for ratification." In what respect the present treaty is modified is not known, but it is evident that the new convention is of a nature to result upon an agreeable basis relations that have hitherto been considerably strained.

A RESOLUTION endorsing the nomination of James C. Matthews for Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia was introduced in the North Carolina Legislature by a colored member yesterday, and met with the fate of being搁置ed.

It is said sometimes," remarked Mr. Buck, "that a 'no' vote is always a safe vote for a man in the minority. But I tell you, gentlemen, the day will come when 'no' votes will be out of fashion when they are not right."

There is the ring of independent statesmanship in language like that. And when the day does come, to which the gentleman from Connecticut refers, it may not bring the millennium with it, but it will facilitate the work of Congress as nothing else can do.

This is a pretty industrious Congress after all, and it may be that the country will feel sorry to part with it so soon. It is one of the worst faults of our legislative system that about the time one Congress gets fairly down to business another one steps in to waste a year or so in getting a good start.

The sudden death of Mayor Hewitt was telegraphed from New York this morning only to be contradicted an hour or two later. Mr. Hewitt has been quite sick ever since the day of his inauguration, but reports differ as to the seriousness of his condition.

The pathway of Governor Abbott of New Jersey to the United States Senate seems to be strewn with more roses than roses. There is an evident attempt to throw him at the very beginning of the race.

NOTES AND GOSPIAL.

"My country grows more and more glorious each time that I return home from abroad," says ex-President William C. O'Neil.

At an annual dinner of the Harvard Club of Boston the other day eight gentlemen were present, the youngest of whom was 80 years old, and he had been born in 1808, at 10 o'clock noon, at the office of the company, the corner 10th and C street, Boston, Mass., and he had been offered a position to serve for the smaller year and the rest of his life.

H. W. DIXON, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 30, 1886.

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